

# Donation & Reuse

## Resource Listing



### Publications on Donation and Reuse

**M**any partners have worked successfully with local reuse organizations to donate surplus supplies and equipment for reuse. Local organizations are often easily accessible, which can simplify the logistics associated with donating items. Further, contributing locally can boost employee morale and provide a positive source of recognition in the community. Check your yellow pages or the publications listed below to identify local reuse organizations and donation opportunities.

#### General

▼ **Electronics Reuse and Recycling Directory.** U.S. EPA. This directory provides numerous practical options for reusing and recycling consumer electronics including computers, televisions, video cameras, and more. The listing, organized by state, details manufacturers with take-back programs, scrap dealers, electronics refurbishers, charitable organizations, and materials exchanges for electronic products. This document is available on the Internet via EPA's Public Access Server at (<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/index.htm#reduce>). To order an original copy, call the WasteWi\$e Helpline at 800 EPA-WISE (372-9473).

▼ **WasteWi\$e Materials Exchanges.** EPA WasteWi\$e Program. This listing presents materials exchanges organized by EPA Region and includes contact information, services provided, and materials available for exchange. To obtain a copy, call the WasteWi\$e Helpline at 800 EPA-WISE (372-9472).

▼ **Choose to Reuse.** Nikki and David Goldbeck. This book provides an alphabetical directory containing more than 2,000 products, services, and organizations that facilitate the reuse of goods or offer durable alternatives to disposables. Organized by product type, subheadings classify opportunities for maintenance, repair, rental, remanufacture, purchase or sale of used products, secondary reuse, and donation. Case studies throughout the directory highlight organizations that have successfully implemented reuse initiatives. To order, contact Ceres Press at P.O. Box 87, Dept. CTRB, Woodstock, NY 12498. Phone/Fax: 914 679-5573.

#### Institute for Local Self Reliance

▼ The following four publications can be ordered from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, 2425 18th Street

NW., Washington, DC 20009-2096.  
Phone: 202 232-4108.  
Fax: 202 332-0463.  
([ilsr@igc.apc.org](mailto:ilsr@igc.apc.org)).  
(<http://www.ilsr.org>).

▼ **Creating Wealth from Everyday Items.** Institute for Local Self-Reliance. This report profiles seven household collection programs and six model reuse operations that handle reusable goods. By providing data on working models and tips for replication, this report will help recycling professionals, economic development planners, and community-based organizations to contain waste handling costs, meet waste reduction goals, and link recycling with local economic development. Contact information is provided for the 13 featured programs.

▼ **Plug into Electronics Reuse.** Institute for Local Self-Reliance. This report provides contact information for more than 150 operations that repair or recycle computers. Thirteen facilities that focus on computer reuse are profiled in depth.

▼ **Sustaining Businesses & Jobs through Pallet Reuse and Repair.** Institute for Local Self-Reliance. This report documents job opportunities in the pallet repair and reuse industry and provides data on 31 pallet reuse businesses interested in expanding. Profiles of five enterprises detail the logistical specifics of the pallet repair industry. Appendix lists 193 pallet repair and recycling facilities.

▼ **Weaving Textile Reuse into Waste Reduction.** Institute for Local Self-

*WasteWi\$e maintains a listing of additional reuse organizations, organized by EPA Region. For more information on local reuse organizations, or to let us know about a reuse organization your company has been involved with, please call the WasteWi\$e Helpline at 800 372-9473.*



**S**ome businesses and institutions prefer to work with national donation and reuse organizations. National organizations may be more appropriate and effective for situations in which the donor company has large quantities of an overstocked item or excess finished products. The list below is a sampling of national donation and reuse organizations.

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EAL provides donated commercial, industrial, and retail inventory to over 130 colleges and universities. These institutions establish scholarships equal to 90 percent of the inventory's value to help their neediest students. EAL charges no membership fees. Call for EAL's free guide explaining how companies earn tax writeoffs while helping disadvantaged students go to college. Contact: Claudia Mancini, P.O. Box 3021, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138. Phone: 630 690-0010. Fax: 630 690-0565. (scholar@eduassist.org).

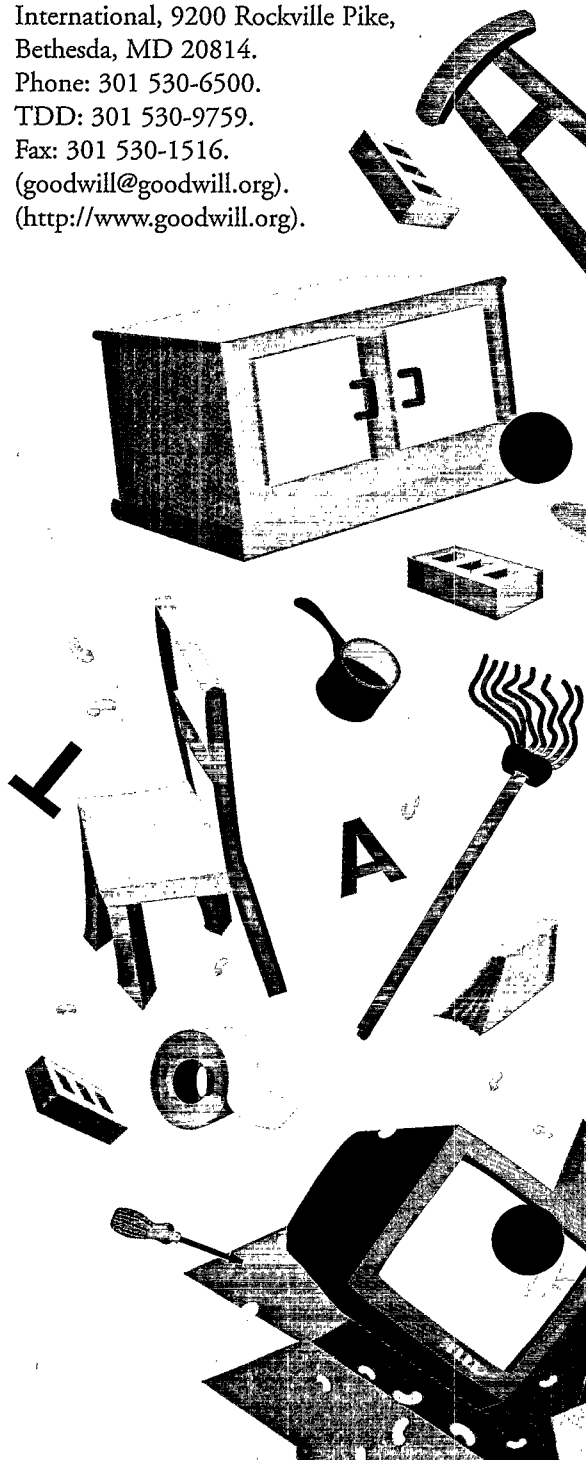
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In Kind International operates a program that matches donations from nearly 1,000 donor companies with a network of 50,000 nonprofit organizations. The organization accepts newly-manufactured products as well as used products meeting its used equipment giving guidelines. Materials handled include office equipment and supplies, furniture, personal-care products, clothing, bedding and all kinds of building supplies (no food or chemicals are accepted). Contact: Veronica Connelly, 700 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria , VA 22314.  
Phone: 703 836-2121 Ext. 41.  
Fax: 703 549-1481.  
(<http://www.giftsinkind.org>).



Operates more than 1,200 autonomous dropoff sites and thrift stores where donated goods are sold to finance Goodwill's job and rehabilitation programs for the disabled and socially disadvantaged. In addition to typical thrift-shop merchandise such as household goods and clothing, Goodwill accepts working vehicles of all kinds, and many branches accept

items in need of repair, for which they employ handicapped individuals to do the work. For partners located in the District of Columbia area, please note that EPA awarded a grant in May 1997 to the Davis Memorial Goodwill Institute local office to help establish a computer collection program servicing DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Computers will be either upgraded or repaired for sale or donation, or dismantled for recycling. Contact: Goodwill Industries International, 9200 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone: 301 530-6500. TDD: 301 530-9759. Fax: 301 530-1516. (goodwill@goodwill.org). (http://www.goodwill.org).



▼ **National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources (NAEIR):** NAEIR accepts excess inventory (new, finished merchandise) at its 450,000 square foot warehouse, where it is distributed to more than 6,000 nonprofit member organizations across the country. A free tax reduction toolkit that explains the donation process and includes a formula for calculating potential tax savings is available by calling NAEIR. Contact: Corporate Relations, 560 McClure Street, Galesburg, IL 61401. Phone: 800 562-0955. Fax: 309 343-0862. (donor.naeir@misslink.net). (<http://www.misslink.net/naeir/> naeir.htm).

▼ **Salvation Army:** The Salvation Army accepts most donated items of any size, including broken items if needed repairs are minor. Donations are sold in the Salvation Army's 1,300-plus thrift shops, and proceeds are used to fund their drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs. Contact: James Bradley, P.O. Box 269, Alexandria, VA 22313. Phone: 703 684-5522. Fax: 703 684-5538. (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>).

▼ **The Surplus Exchange:** The Surplus Exchange provides refurbished computers and other business equipment to nonprofit organizations. Surplus serves nonprofits both locally and nationally. The organization solicits equipment donations from companies across the nation. Contact: Rick Caplan, 1107 Hickory, Kansas City, MO 64101. Phone: 816 472-0444. Fax: 816 472-8105.

▼ **Trade Bank International (TBI):** TBI is a nonprofit organization with more than 250 international nonprofit members. Through their In-Kind Donation Management Program®, TBI works with asset recovery firms to manage the sale of donated items according to guidelines specified by the donating corporation. The nonprofit member (which has taken the title to the materials) receives 100 percent of the donations net value in cash and trade credits (usable with vendors in a vast buying compendium). Contact: Elke Lewis, 2022 Storm Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043. Phone: 703 556-0699. Fax: 703 556-9336.

### Construction And Demolition

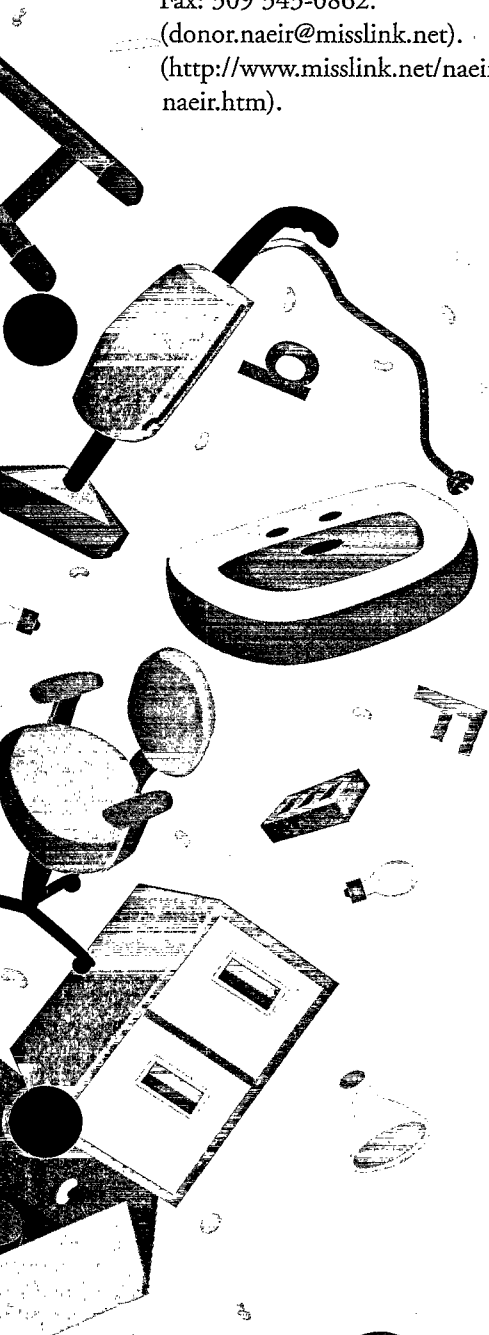
▼ **American Salvage.** American Salvage buys and sells new and used liquida-

tion items, including building materials, office furniture and supplies, restaurant furniture, household goods, and warehouse supplies. (No food or clothing is accepted.) American Salvage is a for-profit company (although it does donate some goods to charity) that works primarily east of the Mississippi; however, the company does some work on the west coast and is happy to provide referrals to other salvage companies if American Salvage cannot meet callers' needs. Contact: Terry Waldron, 9200 NW. 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33147. Phone: 305 691-2455.

▼ **The Loading Dock (TLD):** The Loading Dock is a self-sufficient nonprofit organization for the reuse of building materials. Through the partnerships The Loading Dock has established with nonprofit housing groups, environmental organizations, local governments, building contractors, manufacturers, and distributors, TLD facilitates and coordinates the reuse of building materials for low income housing production in the Mid-Atlantic region and across the country. Materials handled include lumber, toilets, nails, paints, carpeting, and more. Contact: John Lambertson, 2523 Gwynns Falls Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21216. Phone: 410 728-3625. Fax: 410 728-3633.

### Education And Cultural Arts

▼ **Children's Re-Source Center:** The Children's Re-Source Center is a local nonprofit organization that accepts foam, fabric, cardboard, and other materials from companies that have overruns, endpieces, scraps, or other rejects that are no longer usable for the manufacturer but which may be useful for children's arts and crafts projects. Materials are individually priced and very cheap, and are especially suitable



for use by teachers and camps. Contact: Sylvia Murphy or Dottie Keosain, 42 Trapelo Road, Belmont, MA 02178. Phone: 617 484-9290.



**Material For the Arts (MFA):** MFA is a local program of the City of New York, Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the Department of Sanitation. This municipally-operated donation program distributes furniture, computers and other office hardware, construction materials, paint, paper products, and other media to over 1,300 nonprofit cultural organizations and social service agencies with arts programs in New York City. MFA has also prepared a guidance document entitled "Starting a Materials Donation Program" for groups interested in developing their own donations programs. Contact: Susan Glass, 410 West 16th Street, New York, NY 10011. Phone: 212 255-5924. Fax: 212 924-1925. (materialsforthearts@Juno.com).

### Food Donation Resources



**Foodchain:** Foodchain is a network of prepared and perishable food rescue programs. It also provides listings of local organizations that accept donations and distributes them to those in need. Contact: Jeff Whited, 912 Baltimore Street, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64105. Phone: 800 845-3008. Fax: 816 842-5145. (rescuefood@aol.com).



**Second Harvest:** Second Harvest distributes perishable and nonperishable food and grocery products to the needy through a nationwide network of nearly 200 certified affiliate food banks. Nonfood items may fall under the categories of excess or test product inventory, discontinued items, or mislabeled or off-spec product, and may

include such products as cleansing agents, insecticides, laundry products, and health and beauty aides. Second Harvest will pick up product from any location in the United States, and also provides a nationwide listing of food programs. Contact: Marketing Department, 116 South Michigan Ave - Suite 4, Chicago, IL 60603. Phone: 800 771-2303 Ext.122. Fax: 312 263-4357. (grocerydonations@secondharvest.org). (<http://www.secondharvest.org>).



**USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse's World Hunger Year (WHY):** WHY provides referrals to anti-hunger and -poverty organizations nationwide. In the interest of promoting self-reliance, food security, and economic justice, WHY partners with and supports grassroots organizations and conducts research and educational outreach for policy makers, the media, and the general public. Contact: Peggy Hupcey, 505 8th Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10025. Phone: 800 GLEAN-IT (453-2648). Fax: 212 465-9274. (NHCATWHY@aol.com). (<http://www.iglou.com/why/usda>).

### Medical Supplies



**AmeriCares:** AmeriCares is a private nonprofit disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization that provides immediate response to emergency medical needs and supports long-term health care programs for all people around the world. To do so, AmeriCares obtains donations of medicines, medical supplies, and other relief materials from American companies. AmeriCares then delivers these materials to indigenous health and welfare professionals in many countries. Contact: Steve Skakel, 161 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840. Phone: 800 486-HELP. Fax: 203 972-0116.

([info@americares.org](mailto:info@americares.org)). ([www.americares.org](http://www.americares.org)).



**Carelift International:** Carelift International solicits recyclable or reusable medical and dental equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals; collects and transports medical goods to Carelift's Service Center; and there inventories, values, and repairs equipment and readies medical goods for shipment. Carelift delivers and installs harvested medical and dental goods, based on needs assessments, to hospitals in developing countries that have requested aid. Contact: Lane Liebman, GSB Building, Suite 425, One Belmont Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. Phone: 610 617-0995. Fax: 610 668-0930. (carelift@netaxs.com).

### Other



**Carpel Video:** Carpel Video purchases used video tapes for reuse and video duplication from video production companies, television stations, libraries, universities, and individuals, and sells them to smaller organizations such as smaller television markets and advertising agencies. Transportation may be provided. Contact: Andy Carpel, 429 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Phone: 800 238-4300 or 301 694-8273. Fax: 301 694-9510.



**GreenDisk:** GreenDisk is a company that accepts out-dated, unused software packages, computer disks, and compact disks, from across the country. The company cleanses, tests, erases and reformats the disks for resale to consumers as blank, high quality disks. The disks come preformatted and prelabeled. Contact: Janna Peach, 8124 304th Avenue, SE., Preston, WA 98050. Phone: 800 305-DISK or 425 222-7734. Fax: 425 222-7736.